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Re: Patent Application  
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S I R:

In the Office Action dated April 9, 2003 respecting the captioned application, the newly cited references to Narisawa (5,672,930) and Izukawa et al. (4,678,956) were not received.

Applicants respectfully request that the PTO furnish complete copies of these references and, since claims 14, and 16 have been rejected as unpatentable over Narisawa and Izukawa, it is requested that the date for responding to the April 9, 2003 Office Action be reset to run three months from the date of mailing of these references.

Respectfully submitted,

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